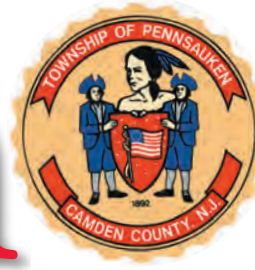


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New Jersey General Election Held Tuesday, November 8



By Pam Forman, Township Clerk

The 2022 New Jersey General Election will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

For those voting by mail, ballots began to be mailed out to eligible residents in late September. In addition to using the U.S. Mail, voters can also place their completed ballots in the drop box located in the Township's municipal complex, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., by 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 8.

The voter registration deadline for the General Election is Tuesday, Oct. 18. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot for next month's General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 1. In-person early voting will be open from Oct. 29 through Nov. 6. For more details on any of these topics, visit the New Jersey Voter Information Portal at <https://nj.gov/state/elections/vote.shtml>.

On page 24 is a list of polling locations for the upcoming election. Residents who have voted by mail in the past and wish to cast their votes in person at a polling place must do so via a provisional ballot.

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Pennsauken's Annual Fall Festival Held On October 15

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Township, in association with the Pennsauken Firefighters Association, will host its Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 16). This annual event, held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave., brings the Township community together with a family-friendly atmosphere.

"We have a lot planned to make this year's Fall Festival bigger and better than ever before," explains Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "We invite our many residents and neighbors to join us for this great community event."

A bicycle parade will kick off the Fall Festival, which features a variety of entertainment. Children will be able to enjoy



Amusement rides are just some of the fun activities that can be found at Pennsauken's Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15.

several amusement rides, bounce houses, a petting zoo, balloon twisting, face painting, and more. Families can take a short hayride

to a "pumpkin patch," where kids can pick out a small pumpkin to decorate (one per
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Rafeh, Roberts Hold Second Facebook Live Event For Residents

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On Sept. 21, Pennsauken Township Mayor Jessica Rafeh and Deputy Mayor Nikki Roberts held another Facebook Live event, providing information on what's happening in town and answering residents' questions.

"This our second Q&A with our great residents," said Mayor Rafeh. "We thank everyone for attending."

"We're so excited to be here with you this evening," added Deputy Mayor Roberts. "We will be addressing con-

cerns our residents have been sharing with our administration, as well as many of the positive things that are going on in our town."

Rafeh and Roberts gave recaps of recent happenings and reminded residents about upcoming events. The pair also spoke on a variety of topics of interest to residents.

Sharing an update on the town's new library/municipal complex, the two stated that architectural plans for the facility are being reviewed and finalized.

They also discussed that the two digital monuments in town, owned and maintained by Catalyst Experiential, are back
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Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh and Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts were joined by key staff members during their second Facebook Live Q&A session last month.

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Step Up For STREAM Campaign Raises Funds For Library

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Beginning this month, the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library are launching a special fundraising campaign that will develop a unique way for members of the community to create and learn. "Step Up For STREAM" is a three-year initiative to help the Pennsauken Free Public Library acquire the tools, equipment, materials, and resources necessary to allow the local community to engage in lifelong science, technology, reading, engineering, art, and mathematics (STREAM) programs and services.

"By introducing reading as a core element to a comprehensive approach of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics, it encourages those with analytical minds to be more creative and think out of the box. They induce inno-



vation, which is critical to navigating through today's rapidly changing world," explains Tanya Finney Estrada, director of the Pennsauken Free Public Library. "Individuals can connect their learning in these critical areas together with art practices, elements, design principles, and standards to provide the whole pallet of learning at their disposal."

The main goal of Step Up For STREAM is to create a "maker space," at the Library, a collaborative work space for young people, adults, and entrepreneurs that includes access to a variety of equip-

ment. The following are just some of the items that would be made available to the public: 3D laser printer; Cricut Maker and hot presses; a computerized sewing and quilting machine; laptops and tablets; a flat bed scanner; laminator; a digital converter for VHS tapes; and more.

Through Step Up For STREAM, the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library hope to raise \$10,000 by October

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PHS Alumni Luncheon Held On October 19

The monthly Pennsauken High School Alumni Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1:00 p.m., at Marco's Restaurant at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Reservations are required as space is limited. Call Norma at (856) 220-5597 to reserve a space or for any questions.

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MAYOR'S CORNER A Fall Full Of Activities For The Pennsauken Community



By Jessica Rafteh,
Mayor of
Pennsauken
Township

In the past few weeks, we had quite a few opportunities to come together and interact with our great residents.

We thank everyone who came out last month for our 9/11 flag placement, as well as Pennsauken's 30th annual Car and Bike Show. Both are signature events for our community, and the participation from our friends and neighbors are key to their success.

Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts and I also held a Facebook Live event on Sept. 21, where we answered questions from our residents and shared a lot of information about what's happening in town. This was just another way for your Township Committee to connect with you. We are here to serve the Pennsauken community and we want to hear

from you, whether you have a concern or want to share something positive. You can call our administrative office at (856) 665-1000 x152. You can also email me directly at jrafteh@pennsauken.gov.

Nicole and I also stopped by the Pennsauken Library's Hispanic Heritage and Culture Festival on Sept. 24. It was part of the library's annual celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of our community and our country.

October is filled with a variety of different community events. On Saturday Oct. 1, we'll be holding a fall clean-up day at the Pennsauken Boat Ramp and by the Pennsauken Country Club. We thank everyone helping keep our open spaces clean.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, Pennsauken is hosting its annual Fall Festival. It's held from noon to 4:00 p.m. at our Community Recreation Complex. There will be

amusement rides, a variety of food trucks, as well as tables of crafters, vendors, and community groups. This event is very special, as it showcases our extremely diverse community. Let's celebrate the African, Asian, European, Latin, and all of the other many cultures that help make our American culture shine. If your community group celebrates any type of culture, we would LOVE to have you participate! Please visit Pennsauken-Events.com to learn how.

In the next few weeks, the Deputy Mayor and I will be popping into small businesses throughout town to see if there's anything we can do to help them grow. Small businesses are so important, and we just want to do a little something to help.

As we get closer to Halloween, the Township gets in on all of the spooky fun!

Registration for Pennsauken homes to enter our Halloween Home Decorating Contest ends Monday, Oct. 17. To

register your home for this year's contest, visit PennsaukenEvents.com.

The Pennsauken Township Police Department is holding a Trunk or Treat event at their station on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Those wishing to participate or donate to the event can contact Sgt. Gavin Rossner at grossner@pennsaukenpolice.org.

Pennsauken Township's annual Haunted Hayride will be held on Wednesday,

Oct. 26, from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club. It's a lot of fun at an affordable price. Get all the details at PennsaukenEvents.com.

And Trick or Treating in town will be on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more, visit our website, Pennsauken.gov.

We hope that you enjoy the start of fall in Pennsauken, and we can't wait to see you at one of our many upcoming events!

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WAGSWORLD Great Memories Grown From The Ground Up

By Bob Wagner,
AAP Columnist

Back in the early Seventies, I was doing an inspection for the demolition of an old Victorian home in Delair, on the river side of the tracks. Alongside the ramshackle old house was a large garden. I saw some strange green leaves poking out of the

garden's edge. I asked the contractor who was clearing the grounds if he knew what the plants were. He told me he thought it was horseradish and said I could dig some up if I wanted, as they were leveling the lot the next day. I dug some up, took it back to 45th St., and planted some in the backyard. Some of the root I rinsed, ground up, and jarred for later.

That started a yearly party in the neighborhood, digging, cleaning, then jarring the horseradish. The Wagners, Gallos, and Wrights hosted the annual fall party over probably ten years. It involved a lot of laughing, drinking of adult beverages, and tears from the fumes of the fresh ground horseradish.

The horseradish planting started behind my house, then snuck down the street and grew behind the Gallos and Wrights. It came back year after year for about ten years, then just disappeared.

Since the horseradish party was so successful, Joe Gallo expanded it to include making sauerkraut. A case or two of cabbage, some salt, and a bunch of ball jars later, we had an annual party putting up some tasty kraut for the year's enjoyment.

Many a good laugh, a couple of memorable hangovers, and a good supply of fun food went with those great neighborhood parties.

Gallo is gone now. The Wrights and

Wagners still share stories with Mrs. G, but I doubt if any of us still use horseradish or sauerkraut. I still put up pickles every year or so, down at my sister's home in Maryland.

All this remembering started yesterday when I saw a lone pear tree in a yard down by my garage. The tree was full of hanging green pears. It took me back to growing up in the Fifties, when most of the houses in our neighborhood had a fruit tree or two. Down on the corner of 43rd St., next to Shiffer's, was a half block of sickle pears. Those diminutive pears were super sweet, and best of all, free. The kids would tote home bags of the fruit in late summer and early fall, and mom would whip up pies and crisps for dessert.

All the kids would eat them right off

the tree while playing. I don't recall anyone ever having a stomachache either.

Gartman's yard, behind our house, had two big cherry trees. The big dark purple cherries were also super sweet. The smaller tree had bright red, sort of sour pie cherries. We raced the birds to pick those fruits, and again had a feast of good pies for a short time.

Pennsauken, especially East Pennsauken, was famous for certain pears. I learned about those late in life talking with Earl Felton, an old, retired guy, about the growing and treatment of pears and fruits here in town. My pear and peach picking days are over now. Even if there were any trees to climb, I'm too old to pick and carry. But those memories, they are just right for the picking.

PENNSAUKEN OCTOBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Committee (In Person)
6:00 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 6 and 20

Zoning Board of Adjustment (In Person)
7:00 p.m. Wed., Oct. 5 and 19

Planning Board (In Person)
6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 and 25

Environmental Commission (Virtual)
7:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17

In-person public meetings are held on the second floor of the Pennsauken Municipal Building
5605 N. Crescent Blvd.
(At the corner of Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave.)

To learn more about virtual participation in the Environmental Commission Meeting, visit <https://www.facebook.com/PennsaukenEnviroComm>.

Martin Luther Chapel Trunk Or Treat

Martin Luther Chapel, 4100 Terrace Ave. in Pennsauken, is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, Oct. 30, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in its Baker Ave. parking lot. The event features free candy and games for all ages.

For more information and directions, visit www.facebook.com/4100MLC.

Township, County Unveil New Solar Speed Signs

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh, Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts, and Township Committeeman Patrick Olivo joined Camden County Public Works Director Bob Harris, as well as members of Pennsauken Police and Public Works staff, to unveil two new solar powered speed signs along Browning Rd. This was a collaborative effort focused on enhancing public safety in our community.

"Public safety is really important to Township Committee. When concerned residents came to us about the speeding on this road, we decided to do something about it," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "We want to thank our police department, public works staff, and the county for their help."

"With the addition of these two signs, Pennsauken now has four solar speed signs in our community," added Pennsauken Deputy Mayor Nicole Roberts.

"Again, we thank everyone who helped make this possible."

Studies show that the installation of radar speed signs positively impacts safe driving. When alerted by a radar sign, drivers exceeding the speed limit will slow down 80 percent of the time. Average speeds are reduced by anywhere from 10 to 20 percent, and overall compliance with the posted speed limit increases from 30 to 60 percent.

"These signs positively impact traffic count and traffic speed, and they are a large help to our pedestrians who walk the roadways every day," said Harris. "Camden County



Two new solar speed signs have been installed on Browning Rd. in Pennsauken.

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First Puratos Baking School In United States Opens In Pennsauken

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

History was made in Pennsauken last month, as the first-ever Puratos Baking School in the United States of America opened at Pennsauken High School. Representatives from the District, Puratos Group, and Township administration joined the new baking students to celebrate the occasion and cut the ribbon on the Career Technical and Education (CTE) program.

"I'd like to welcome the Board of Education, members of Puratos Group, our own administration, everyone here, and of course, the students," said Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superintendent of schools for the Pennsauken School District. "The Puratos Baking School is the only one in the United States. To provide opportunities like this for education is something very special. This is something that's in need all over the world."

Puratos' Bakery School Foundation has invested in bakery schools across the globe, teaching young people the skills needed to work in the bakery, patisserie, and chocolate sectors. Upon completion of the program, combined with the experience learned through paid internships, students walk away with the knowledge and skill to make a real career in the baking industry.

"The Board of Education and the whole administration of the Township have been fervent supporters from the

very first day we had this crazy idea to put a bakery school just near our headquarters in Pennsauken," said Andy Brimacombe, president Puratos USA. "You're the seventh bakery school we've opened in Puratos. But you're very special, because you're the first one that we've done in a really developed, advanced country. We need fantastic jobs in the United States. We've got fantastic talent. Let's put this together and let's do something really exciting. I couldn't be more delighted to look out and see the incredible talent that we have here."

"You are the first group of children in the State of New Jersey and in the country, to enter this type of program. We're very proud of you," added Nick Perry, president, Pennsauken Board of Education. "We want you to work very hard. This opportunity is now open to you. You have to develop this skill. It will allow you to travel all over the world."

CTE programs teach specific career skills to students, as a way to both enhance their education and provide important skills in a variety of high demand trades. Puratos Baking School joins several programs already in place at Pennsauken High School, including Air Force JROTC, automotive technology, carpentry, cosmetology, culinary arts, electrical construction, EMT and fire safety, health occupations, HVACR, and welding.

"CTE is a way for children to be edu-

cated and teaching them the valuable trades in life that we have a need for in society. There are millions of jobs available to these students, in America and all over the world," said Tarchichi.

Congressman Donald Norcross, a member of Pennsauken High School's Class of 1977 and an electrician by trade, stressed the importance of providing

educational opportunities that allow students a variety of diverse career opportunities.

"There's great value, great dignity in working with your hands. This is something that we need each and every day. We all had a favorite bakery growing up," said Norcross. "When you come out of high school and you decide what you're

going to do, it's about education, whether it's a career, technology, or college. At the end, it's about a job and what you can do to raise yourself, raise a family. And that's so critically important. We're shifting where the dollars go, so that you can have opportunities like the one here today. And I can't tell you how proud I am of

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By Joe Scavuzzo, Director,
Department of Public Works

Fall is, by far, my favorite season of the year. The crisp morning air is warmed by the sun in the afternoon with a decrease in humidity. I'm not a pumpkin-spice java enthusiast and would take a biscotti with black coffee over a ginger snap, hands down. Although my wife would disagree in my choice of season, I'm convinced that variety makes the world go round and we all have our favorites.

Autumn At Public Works: Leaf Season Preparation And Sprucing Up Parks

There are some things that we all agree on... leaf clean-up. Tied for last place in the seasonal homeowner to-do list contest, is raking leaves. This annual chore is all trick and no treat, for sure.

Leaf pile collection operations begin in early November and conclude on New Year's Eve. Every section of town will have leaf pile pick-up by Public Works crews at least twice during this time. If you prefer to see your leaves disappear every Wednesday, you can continue to take advantage of our weekly

Wednesday "yard debris" pick-up, when Seaside Waste will collect your bagged leaves and other bundled yard items. During October, our Department of Public Works' Vehicle Maintenance Garage focuses on readying our fleet and leaf vacuum trailers for this upcoming season. Tune in for November's article for more information on leaf collection.

Pennsauken's parks and athletic facilities have seen an increasing volume of activity each season following the early days of COVID-19 shutdowns. It reminds my staff and I of our PYAA days in the 1990s and 2000s. Bringing that nostalgia to work each day is part of the joy of working to keep these locations enjoyable for this next generation of athletes. You will see our Parks Crew giving each location a good thorough "autumn cleaning," where we trim bushes, focus on playground mulch, and weed and manicure athletic fields. With the cutting season slowing down, we're afforded more time to focus on these finishing touches.

Previously, I wrote about my own testing of the increasingly popular "cut and leave" method, leaving the grass clippings behind when mowing the lawn, as opposed to bagging and disposing them on Wednesday's yard debris collection. If your lawn mower is equipped with a "mulching" blade, and you keep a weekly cutting schedule, there is minimal evidence that you did not bag your grass clippings. The big advantages for this method? Not having to stop several times to empty the mower bag and saving on the cost of trash bags were the two chart-topping reasons I will continue this next year. I estimate that I saved about \$40 in bags this year. Not having to drag those bags to the curb on Tuesday nights was also a nice treat!

We have been receiving an increase in calls regarding how to properly place yard debris out for collection. As I mentioned earlier, this collection occurs on Wednesdays throughout the year. Grass clippings, leaves and brush can be bagged

or canned and left at your curb. Sticks and branches that are less than three inches in thickness can be tied/bundled or canned if cut down to four-foot lengths. Note: for all cans/bundles/bags, there is a 50-pound weight limit for each. You can place as many of these out as needed. Yellow recycling containers are not permitted for this use. If you have logs or branches thicker than three inches, cut and stack these at your curb separately, and request a firewood pickup from our office.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach us at (856) 663-0178, by email at PublicWorks@pennsauken.gov, or visit us at "Pennsauken Twp. Dept. of Public Works" on Facebook.

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TALKIN' TRASH

Trash and recycling collection, as well as yard waste and white goods pickup, remain on a regular schedule this month, weather permitting.

Camden County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, on Saturday, Oct. 22, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., rain or shine, at the Camden County Public Works Complex, 2311 Egg Harbor Rd., Lindenwold. For a full list of what to bring and what NOT to bring, call (856) 858-5241.

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Take a tour of the town aboard Merchantville's haunted hayride and view the 2022 entries of the Haunts of Merchantville home decorating contest. Then cast your vote for the winner. Who will receive the coveted Golden Broomstick?

While you wait, enjoy fire pits and music in the triangle, grab a beer from Eclipse Brewing or warm up with a coffee from The Station.

For more information about this event and other "Monsterville" activities, visit MerchantvilleNJ.gov and follow the Borough on Instagram @Merchantvillenj.



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TRICK OR TREATING SAFETY TIPS

The Pennsauken Township Police Department is sharing some helpful tips so that Trick or Treaters have a safe and fun time on Halloween.

All costumes should be made of light-colored, fireproof material. When going out on Halloween, children should wear proper fitting and comfortable costumes and shoes. Props, such as toy guns or swords, should be made of pliable material. Realistic replica firearms should never be used. Masks and wigs should not be worn if they impair vision.

Young children should not go out Trick or Treating alone; they should al-

ways be accompanied by parent, guardian, or another trusted adult. For older children, make sure they stick with friends and inform you what route they are taking. If they have a cell phone, have them keep it with them and on so they can contact you in case of an emergency.

Pennsauken Township has a curfew of 8:00 p.m. on Halloween. If your Trick or Treaters go out after dark, make sure they are wearing reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. Adult chaperones should also have a flashlight as well.

While Trick or Treating, stay on side-

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PENNSAUKEN'S HAUNTED HAYRIDE ON OCTOBER 26

Pennsauken Township's annual Haunted Hayride will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd.

Sponsored by the Township's Youth Action Committee and Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department, the Haunted Hayride features ghosts, ghouls, goblins, and the walking dead providing scary fun for the whole family, as guests ride around in a hay wagon pulled by a tractor. It's a

great bargain, as the cost for the Haunted Hayride is just \$2.00 per person.

In addition, Pennsauken's first responders will be handing out Halloween candy to participants.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive earlier, as lines are closed when the event reaches capacity for the evening. The rain date for the Haunted Hayride is Thursday, Oct. 27, at the same location and times.

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TRICK OR TREATING IN PENNSAUKEN

Kids throughout town are getting their costumes ready for Halloween and planning a route to get the most candy! Trick or Treating in Pennsauken will occur from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31.

To help keep children safe and out of trouble, Pennsauken Township has a curfew from Saturday, Oct. 29, through Monday, Oct. 31. Per municipal code, minors under 16 years of age can't be out past 8:00 p.m. during these days, "unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or some duly authorized and accredited custodian of at least 18 years of age who exercises such control of said minor with the consent of parents or legal guardian." This means that the child must be with someone who is legally responsible for them.

We hope that everyone who celebrates Halloween has a safe time with plenty of spooky fun!



Trick or treating will be held in Pennsauken on Monday, Oct. 31 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

PENNSAUKEN POLICE TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 20

The Pennsauken Township Police Department invites the local community to its first-ever Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 20, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 2400 Bethel Ave. Trick or Treaters will be able to safely get candy and other snacks

from vehicles decorated for Halloween.

Individuals, community groups, and businesses wishing to participate or donate to the event can contact Sgt. Gavin Rossner at grossner@pennsaukenpolice.org.

PENNSAUKEN TELEVISION BROADCASTS HORROR FILMS ON HALLOWEEN

For the ninth year in a row, residents tuning into Pennsauken Television on Oct. 31 will be treated to a wide variety of horror movies, from cult favorites to extreme camp.

Each and every Halloween, Pennsauken Television presents "Channel Night Scream," a day-long horror movie marathon, airing several films available from the public domain. When tuning into Channel 19 on Xfinity or Channel 21 on Fios, viewers can watch silent classics such as "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," featuring John Barrymore; cult horror gem "The Brain That Wouldn't Die;" and "Attack of the Giant Leeches," a film that "sucks" on many levels. The programming culminates with George A. Romero's zombie masterpiece, "Night of the Living Dead."

In addition, special segments in between movies will highlight the winners of the Township's Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

Programming begins at midnight on Oct. 31 and runs throughout the programming day.



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Baldwin Students Enjoying The Start Of A New School Year



Baldwin students enjoyed time on the playground during their first week of school!

Students at Baldwin Early Childhood Learning Center began the new year learning about their school. Although they had a rainy first day, the students en-

joyed being out in the sunshine on the playground for the rest of the week. The Baldwin staff is excited for another great school year!

Fine School Kicks Off The Year With A Field Day

Last June, Fine School unexpectedly closed its doors four days early due to an elevated rate of student illness in the building. On that same day, students received Field Day t-shirts, but were unable to use them since the event was canceled. Tears were flowing throughout the halls.

To turn those frowns upside down, the Fine School team decided to kick off the school year with a Fine Friday Field Day on Sept. 9. Returning students dug into the bottom of the t-shirt drawer to unearth their unused Field Day shirt. It was a beautiful 80-degree, sunshine filled day with 17 different stations created by Fine physical education teacher, Ryan Nowitzke. Students played games like tug of war, relay races, fill the water bucket, and



Fine students kicked off a new school year with a Fine Friday Field Day!

parachute shake, just to name a few.

Smiles and laughter swept through the recess yard to celebrate the beginning of another school year and hopefully a return to more normal days!

Cooking Class Off To A Tasty Start At Phifer

Phifer Middle School Students enjoyed baking delicious cookies in our cooking class.



More Than A Business: Countrywide Home Care Creates A Family By Choice

"A family by choice." That's how Anna Adler, executive director and owner of Countrywide Home Care, describes the approach of her staff to serving clients throughout Southern New Jersey.

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In the last two and a half years, Countrywide in New Jersey has expanded to two locations, with over 400 aides serving 750 clients. Aides provide care right in the clients' homes, assisting with bathing, toileting, ambulation, transferring clients in and out of beds and wheelchairs, grooming, food preparation, laundry, light housekeeping, and errands. The aides also provide companionship and a caring ear ready to listen.

"Our staff forms valuable connections with our clients. So many people are alone with no family and no one to talk to," says Adler. "And with staff who speak languages like Spanish, Russian, Korean, Hebrew, and Hindi, we can relate to them in their native tongues."

As part of her commitment to serving the community, Adler is very hands on with the families she serves, as well as her employees.

"We're a family and families are supposed to take care of



The staff of Countrywide Home Care: "A family by choice."

each other," explains Adler. "We make sure that our community is fed. We get deliveries twice a month of chicken, peanut butter, and rice. We stock up the freezers for the clients and the aides. We make sure that everybody has an opportunity to get to work. If there's an emergency and an aide doesn't have transportation, we'll come get them. We also offer clients and their families an on-call service that's available 24/7, with a live person on the phone.

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School Officials Cut Ribbon On Roosevelt STEM School

On Sept. 2, Pennsauken Public Schools cut the ribbon on the Roosevelt K-8 STEM School. This elementary school building has been completely renovated as a state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) School.

"Roosevelt is truly something special: the first K-8 STEM School in Pennsauken," said Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, superin-

tendent of schools, Pennsauken School District. "We've put \$9 million into this school; it is one of our premier buildings in District. We joke that it looks like Hogwarts on the outside, but inside these walls, it's been renovated from top to bottom."

"The Board of Education would like to thank publicly the citizens of Pennsauken. If you didn't approve that bond referendum in 2018, this school would not

have happened," added Nick Perry, president, Pennsauken Board of Education.

The STEM school will encourage learners to put their textbooks down and allow them to experiment, make mistakes, and then use their experiences to formulate a solution.

"At Roosevelt, we encourage students to think outside the box, how to problem solve, and then meet the expectations of rigorous and challenging work," explains Chad Deitch, assistant principal, Roosevelt STEM School.

The students at Roosevelt STEM school will be challenged to think critically and use technological innovations to help them succeed in their future endeavors.

"The Roosevelt STEM School is going to promote students who want to go into medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, engineering, right up through the eighth-grade level," said Dr. Tarchichi. "Eventually, we'll



Dr. Ronnie Tarchichi, and members of the Pennsauken Board of Education cut the ribbon to officially open the Roosevelt STEM School.

have a magnet school at the high school, grades 9-12, which will prepare them specifically for those careers."

After the official ribbon cutting, Roosevelt school families and District staff received tours of the renovated facility.

Students were excited to begin a new school year with amazing learning opportunities.

"This school is an investment in your children's future," said Perry. "These kinds of programs are so special."

PEA PRIDE Holds Drive-By Trunk Or Treat

The Pennsauken Education Association's PRIDE division is presenting a Drive-by, COVID-Friendly Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Oct. 23. From 10:00 a.m. to noon that day, families can drive by the main entrance of Pennsauken High School, 800 Hylton Rd., to pick up



a Halloween treat bag.

Sign up to receive treat bags is required by Saturday, Oct. 15. To register your vehicle and/or family for the event, use the QR code in this article and fill out the easy-to-use form.

The rain date for this event is Sunday, Oct. 30.

Pennsauken PRIDE is an ongoing campaign created to share the education

successes of the Pennsauken School District with all Pennsauken residents and build strong community support for and involvement in our great public schools.

District Staff Receive Courageous Leadership Award



This year's recipients of the Dr. Tarchichi Courageous Leadership Award is Mr. Seislove and Mrs. Karaman. Congratulations!

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Starting A New School Year At Pennsauken Schools

Pennsauken’s students were excited for their first day of a brand new school year!



Good Day Philadelphia Visits For Football Friday

Jennaphr Frederick from Fox 29 visited Pennsauken High School prior to the football team's game against Burlington Township!



Ms. DeMarco's Class Is Dog-Gone Ready For School

Ms. DeMarco created a "classroom animal shelter" filled with plush dogs; and her class at Carson is happy to announce that all the furry friends have officially been adopted!

Each student happily chose a new plush dog. Ms. DeMarco's class really loves their dog-themed classroom, filled with plenty of dog books to choose from!



Students in Ms. DeMarco's class at Carson Elementary enjoy reading dog-themed books!

Important Dates

- Oct. 5 School CLOSED, Yom Kippur
- Oct. 10 School CLOSED, Columbus Day
- Oct. 11 College and Career Night
- Oct. 13 Financial Aid Night
- Oct. 18 BOE Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at PHS (800 Hylton Rd.), Room 327
- Oct. 18 Eighth Grade Open House
- Oct. 26 CTE Open House
- Oct. 28 Halloween Hayride, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at PHS

Visit Pennsauken.net for more details.

Carson T-Shirts Available To Order



Students at Carson Elementary can wear special t-shirts every Friday to show their school spirit.

Carson students are proud to wear their special t-shirts every Friday to demonstrate their school spirit!

If you are interested in ordering a Carson T-shirt, please visit Carson's website, carson.pennsauken.net, and click the

Parent Tab. You will see "PTA" as an option. This will provide you with information about ongoing PTA activities and an order form for t-shirts.

Thank you to our PTA for all their support for our students!

Third Grade Tower Challenge At Carson School



Two teams in Mrs. Irwin's class built 17-inch-tall towers using only spaghetti, marshmallows, and tape!

The students in Mrs. Irwin's third grade class at Carson School had a great time completing a challenge. Using only spaghetti, marshmallows, and tape, the teams had to see who could build the tallest freestanding tower.



Congratulations to all of our students, who worked so hard to keep their towers standing. However, two teams managed to build towers that were 17 inches tall!

The students can't wait to do more exciting challenges this year!

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Pennsauken Police Working To Build Community



By Pennsauken Township Police Chief Philip Olivo

This year, the Pennsauken Police Department and Faith & Blue will be hosting a "Trunk or Treat" at the Pennsauken Police Department. Held on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Pennsauken

Police Department, 2400 Bethel Ave., residents are encouraged to dress up in a costume and join us for an evening of fun.

Faith & Blue is an organization based on the premise that strong communities are built through mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive.

The Pennsauken Police Department is looking to partner with local faith-based organizations, local law enforcement agencies, business/organizations in town, and other community stakeholders.

If you are interested in having your organization attend, please contact Sgt. Gavin Rossner at grossner@pennsaukenpolice.org.

Have a great fall and stay safe!

Pennsauken Town Watch Held October 12



The Oct. 12 Town Watch Meeting will be held in the training room at the Pennsauken Township Police Station, 2400 Bethel Ave. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Pennsauken Town Watch is a program that consists of a partnership

between the Pennsauken Police Department and the citizens of the community, where we work together to keep our neighborhoods safe. Participants also have the ability to voice the concerns of the community during these monthly meetings.

For more information, visit the "Pennsauken Town Watch" Facebook Group.

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Trick Or Treating Safety Tips

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walks, not on the street. Avoid backyards, shortcuts, and alleys. Trick or Treaters should walk, not run, and look both ways when crossing the street.

During Trick or Treating hours, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween, motorists should drive slowly, yield to young pedestrians, and watch out for Trick or Treaters darting into the street.

When leaving your house for Trick or Treating, be sure to keep your doors and windows locked. If you are staying home to greet Trick or Treaters, pets should be

kept inside and in a safe place, away from frequently opening doors. Most importantly, children should never go into a home of someone they don't know.

Parents and guardians should inspect treats before anyone eats them. Cut up and wash fruit to make sure it's safe to consume. Homemade, wrapped treats should only be given out to children you know.

On behalf of the entire Pennsauken Police Department, we hope that everyone stays safe and has a very Happy Halloween!

Pennsauken's Haunted Hayride On October 26

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Volunteers are once again needed for this year's Haunted Hayride. Generous students and residents are asked to dress up as ghosts, ghouls, goblins, vampires, and zombies to help provide some scary fun for hayride goers. In addition, com-

munity groups and local businesses are invited to put together and participate in a scary scene for the event. To sign up as a volunteer, to have your organization participate, or for more information about Pennsauken's Haunted Hayride, visit PennsaukenEvents.com.

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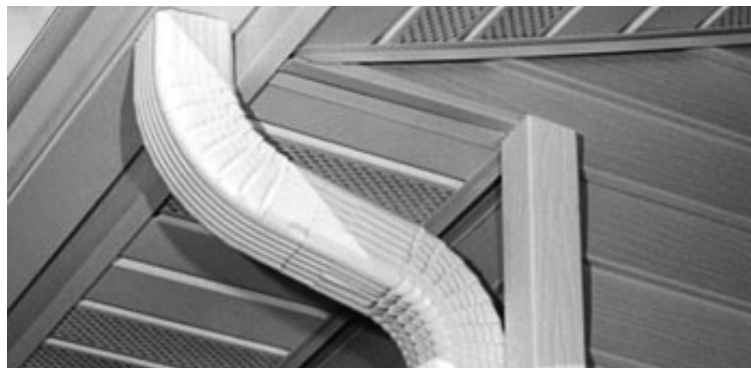
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Think Twice About What You're Flushing

Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and even "flushable" wipes, can't go down the toilet

Please do not flush baby wipes, "flushable" wipes, disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

The Pennsauken Sewerage Authority is asking residents to think twice about what they are flushing down their

toilets.

Paper towels, tissues, napkins, disinfectant wipes, and supposedly "flushable" wipes should not be flushed down the toilet.

We are seeing an increase in volume,

which is to be expected given the number of people staying in their homes as part of efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

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ANIMAL CONTROL

October A Special Month For Important Animal Causes

Information Provided By
New Jersey Animal Control

Did you know October is Adopt-A-Dog, National Pet Wellness month, and National Animal Safety and Protection? Throughout October, organizations around the country and within Camden County hold events to support these important causes.

Local county animal shelters, as well as organizations like the ASPCA and American Humane, use October to highlight the ongoing demand for pet foster-families and the tremendous need for rescued pet adoptions. If you are thinking about getting a family pet, consider adopting a rescue from one of several animal shelters in Camden County. Due to the overwhelming amount of rescue dogs and cats in the area, many of the local animal shelters may offer low adoption fees to help support these animals in finding their forever homes.

October is also a time when veterinarians raise awareness about promoting healthy habits and safety of your pets. Pet wellness is an important part of not only keeping your pet safe and healthy, but happy too. While most pet owners do these things as part of their normal routine throughout the year, now is a great

time to make an appointment with your vet for a wellness check-up, ensure your pet is up to date on vaccinations, look into free spay/neuter clinic options, as well as free or low-cost microchipping. Focusing on nutrition, weight control, dental and ear care, healthy coats and nails, and exercise are all good ways to help keep your pet healthy. Just spending quality time with your dog or cat is a great way to promote pet wellness too!

With Halloween just around the corner, keep in mind some important pet safety tips during the upcoming trick-or-treat festivities. Keep candy (especially chocolate), glow sticks, pumpkins, and corn away from your pet. These items can be dangerous to animals or at the very least, cause gastrointestinal issues. Do not leave your pets in the yard—make sure they are in a confined, safe and secure area and away from the door. Be keenly aware of Halloween decorations that are noisy or motion-activated, as many animals may become stressed or nervous because of them. Most importantly, make sure your pet is wearing its identification tag. If for some reason your pet does escape during the Halloween festivities, having proper ID will help New Jersey Animal Control

reunite you with your pet much faster and avoid unwanted stress for you and your fur babies.

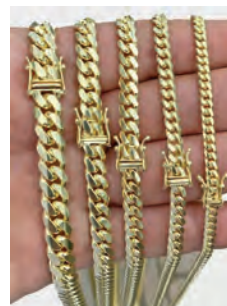
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Knights Of Columbus Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament

Knights of Columbus Council #6735 is hosting a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Friday, Oct. 21, 7:00 p.m., at Saint Peter's parish gym, 43 W. Maple Ave., Merchantville. Proceeds from this event will help fund the Knights' many charitable causes throughout the year.

This event is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. The cost to enter this tournament will be \$40 per person and includes pizza. Beverages are BYO. Checks are payable to "Knights of Columbus Council #6735" to Bob Altenbach at 7409 Githens Ave., Pennsauken, N.J., 08109. Please call or text Bob Altenbach at (410) 336-2209 or email Baltenbach@nbcllc.com with any questions.

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MPWC WATERLINES

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The Merchantville-Pennsauken Water Commission's Fall Flushing Program will take place Sunday through Thursday nights, beginning October 16 through October 20, and continuing October 23 through October 27, between the hours of 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Hydrant flushing is an important element in our continuous efforts to improve the quality of water in our system. This procedure clears the distribution system of non-harmful sediment that may build up over time, as well as to help us ensure that each hydrant is operating properly for fire-fighting purposes. The MPWC schedules hydrant flushing during night hours to create the least impact on our customers.

While we are flushing in your neighborhood, you may experience decreased water pressure and/or temporary discoloration of your water. While discoloration can be startling to see, rest assured it poses no health or safety issues, as the cause of the discoloration is non-harmful iron and manganese mineral.

The MPWC will be posting flushing routes on our Facebook page throughout the duration of the fall program. If you see your street or a nearby cross-street listed on our



Facebook page, we recommend not running your water between flushing times, as the best course of action to prevent an accidental draw of discolored water into your home or business system. If discoloration does occur, we advise you to simply run your cold water for a few minutes until it is clear. The MPWC encourages you to check for discolored water before doing laundry.

The MPWC works diligently to keep all of our neighbors and customers informed of the specific areas of flushing each evening. For the most up-to-date information please "Like" us on Facebook. We will post an updated list every day!

In addition, if you have not already signed up to get notifications from the MPWC, please visit our website at www.mpwc.com and click on the "Notify Me" button, so that you may receive notification of hydrant flushing, as well as any other service notifications should they arise in your area. Any specific questions regarding the flushing program, please contact the MPWC's Customer Support Center at (856) 663-0043.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS:

If you receive any door hangers and/or mailers requesting a "community water test" from a "water quality service," they are in no way affiliated with the MPWC.

The MPWC is NOT associated with any third-party organization conducting water quality tests.

If you have any questions regarding mailers or door hangers, please feel free to call the MPWC at (856) 663-0043 during business hours or the 24-hour line at (856) 663-0044.

ATTENTION CUSTOMERS:

Throughout the next few months, MPWC Representatives will be going door-to-door in an effort to identify the type of service line for your property. These visits may occur during the week or on Saturdays.

We are required to identify each and every water line in our service area. If you'd like to help, please review the information at <http://mpwc.com/mpwc-service-line-project> or please allow our Service Techs to enter your property and make note of the service line type when they are in your neighbor-

hood. This process will take only a few minutes. All MPWC Representatives will be in uniform and can provide official MPWC photo ID.

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The location is the G. Burton German meeting room at the MPWC's Administrative Headquarters, 6751 Westfield Ave., Pennsauken, NJ 08110. The public is invited to attend. For more information, visit our website, MPWC.com

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Pennsauken Remembers Twenty-first Anniversary Of 9/11 Terror Attacks

By Frank Sinatra, AAP Editor

On the 21st anniversary of the terror attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Shanksville, Pa., the Pennsauken community gathered at the town's 9/11 Memorial to honor those who lost their lives that day. At 11:45 p.m. on Sept. 10, community volunteers and first responders covered every inch of the grounds with American flags, which remained on display for 24 hours.

"On behalf of Township Committee and myself, I want to thank you all for

coming here and showing your support and your tribute to all of those who passed away on 9/11," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "I'm extremely honored to serve this community, who year after year comes together to place these flags.

"I want to thank Bill Orth, who brought this memorial here 19 years ago. I want to thank all of our first responders for all of your hard work and dedication, and for coming here to pay tribute to your fallen brothers and sisters. And I

want to thank you all for being here and showing your support."

Pennsauken's monument was first dedicated on September 11, 2003, as a tribute to the heroes of 9/11 and the dedicated direct responders — police, fire and EMS — who serve every day to protect citizens in the communities where they live. In remembrance of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a steel beam from the World Trade Center North Tower was dedicated as a permanent part of the memorial.



An annual Pennsauken tradition, members of our community joined first responders in placing American flags all over the grounds at the Township's 9/11 Memorial.

Pennsauken Historical Society Participates In History Month Events

Information Provided By The Pennsauken Historical Society

October is History Month in Camden County! The Camden County History Alliance consists of over 40 different organizations. And during the month of October, these organizations, including the Pennsauken Historical Society, will be holding 70 different events!

Guests visiting the Griffith Morgan House from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, can look forward to living history demonstrations showcasing historic life in different ways. Some ole' fashioned skills that will be demonstrated include candle making, hearth

cooking, and butter churning.

Those who attend our Burrough-Dover House event from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22, will experience Halloween-themed games with a historical twist! There will be pumpkin carving/painting for children, as well as tin punching, outdoor cooking, and butter churning. Young visitors in costume can also take pictures with our history docents in historical garb!

For both events, entry into the historical houses, tours, and parking are always free! In addition, refreshments will be provided for our guests' enjoyment.

Griffith Morgan House is located at

243 Griffith Morgan Lane, off River Rd. between Delair and Rt. 73. Burrough-Dover House, the 1710/1793 home of the colonial Burrough family, is located on Burrough-Dover Lane, near Wyndam Rd., off of Haddonfield Rd.

Throughout the entire month, guests can partake in historical events throughout Camden County. Visit CCHSNJ.org/history-week for more details.

Visit the Griffith Morgan House or Pennsauken Historical Society pages or the "Pennsauken History Forum" group on Facebook for more details, or e-mail pennsaukenhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.



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up and running after repairs were delayed by supply chain issues.

In regard to the County's roadway improvements on Union Ave., gas main work by PSE&G pushes project completion to next year.

Rafeh and Roberts also said the design of the walking path for the stretch of unused railroad along Chestnut Ave. along 36th and 43rd streets is ongoing; more work is needed to be done by a variety of municipalities and organizations before the project becomes a reality.

When it came to why Pennsauken doesn't charge individuals to use the boat ramp on Derousse Ave., the members of Committee stated that while this has been offered as a free amenity to residents, Township administration is looking at options to put a permitting process in place.

The mayor and deputy mayor also shared that New Jersey's legislature is working on laws to combat noise issues stemming from "boom cars" with incredibly loud sound systems. In addition, the 15th District of the Philadelphia Police Department has deployed officers

to issue tickets and confiscate vehicles.

Another topic discussed by the two was New Jersey's cannabis laws. Pennsauken is only allowing two medical licenses and two recreational licenses, and the town is very stringent about what types of facilities can be in the community. In addition, these businesses can only be placed in very specific areas of town, 1,000 feet away from any school, park, or place of worship; and 500 feet away from any residential area.

Regarding trash and recycling collection, Mayor Rafah and Deputy Mayor Roberts spoke about how Pennsauken's Department of Public Works is handling both bulk trash and metal goods pickup. Residents can contact Public Works the day before their regular collection to schedule the removal of a bulk trash item at the curb; they can also call prior to Wednesday for the collection of curbside metal/goods and appliances. Joe Scavuzzo, director of Pennsauken's Public Works Department, came on camera to talk about the town's leaf collection, which runs from November through the end of December.

The Committee members also shared information about how the Township handles property maintenance issues. Upon receiving a complaint, Pennsauken's Building Department sends an inspector out to assess the situation. The appropriate steps are then taken to inform the property owner or business about the issues that need to be corrected. Depending on what needs to be done, this process can take some time.

One of the last topics during the Facebook Live, residents were reminded that raising chickens, as well as other farm animals, was not allowed in Pennsauken.

At the end of the evening, Mayor Rafah and Deputy Mayor Roberts thanked residents for their attendance and support.

"We did offer a lot of information tonight. Hopefully this answered everyone's questions," said Deputy Mayor Roberts. "You are our eyes and ears out there. If there's anything at all that you have concerns about, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve."

"We want to thank everyone behind

the scenes here with us today to help with questions, as well as our residents for watching," continued Mayor Rafah. "Thank you for all of your support. We hope that we are making you proud."

To view a recording of the Facebook Live event, visit the Township's page @PennsaukenTwp. The video will also be posted on Pennsauken's YouTube channel and air on Pennsauken Television.

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Pennsauken, for what you have done."

Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafah echoed the need for programs like the Puratos Baking School and what they mean to the Township.

"The Puratos Baking School is a great and much-needed program. College isn't for everybody, and trade programs give students who aren't pursuing higher education important life skills and successful careers. We applaud Puratos for investing in both our Township and Pennsauken High School; more successful companies should be making this type of commitment to the education of children in the communities they serve."

"It's very important to highlight the

successes of our schools and our students," added Rafah. "It's just one of the many amazing things happening in our community that show how special Pennsauken truly is."

At the end of the ceremony, each baking student received their chef coat, signifying the educational journey they were about to embark upon. While they began the school year knowing very little, in four years' time, these students will be bakers, with a wide variety of opportunities available to them. The pride in the faces of these high schoolers, as well as that of the entire Pennsauken community, was easily seen, with more exciting things on the rise.



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Pennsauken's Annual Fall Festival Held On October 15 continued from page 1

child). This year's event has a superhero theme; attendees will be able to have their picture taken with costumed characters.

There will also be a multicultural aspect to the Fall Festival, with activities that

will showcase the community's diversity.

"Let's celebrate the African, Asian, European, Latin, and all of the other many cultures that help make our American culture shine," said Mayor Rafeh. "If

your community group celebrates any type of culture, we would LOVE to have you participate! You can visit PennsaukenEvents.com to learn how."

Attendees will be able to purchase fare

from a variety of food trucks. In addition, the festival's popular "Vendor Row," will once again be set up along the complex's parking lot, with a variety of crafters, businesses, and community organizations sharing their goods and services with participants. Crafters, businesses, and community groups are invited to join the Fall Festival as a vendor. Spots are just \$30. For more information, visit PennsaukenEvents.com.

Held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, a time of year to focus on promoting the importance of fire safety in the community, the Pennsauken Fire Department will hold several demonstrations. This year is the 100th anniversary of this annual awareness campaign. The theme for 2022 is, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," highlighting the simple but important actions individuals can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

"When a fire breaks out in a home, time is of the essence, as a fire can double in size every 30 seconds," explains Pennsauken Fire Chief Joseph V. Palumbo, Sr. "Taking the time to create a home escape plan, holding fire drills, and making sure smoke alarms are installed in key areas throughout your home can make all the difference."

Pennsauken's firefighters will be joined by the Township's police officers, who will also have vehicles on display and hold demonstrations throughout the day.

"The Pennsauken Fall Festival is a great way for our officers to meet and interact with our residents in a fun atmosphere," said Pennsauken Police Chief Phil Olivo. "We hope you stop by and visit us at the event."

For Fall Festival details and updates, go to PennsaukenEvents.com, visit "Pennsauken Fall Festival" on Facebook, or email jvazquez@pennsauken.gov.

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The event features a large basket and gift card raffle; attendees can buy tickets to win one of three great prizes: a \$1,500 Wegmans gift card, a \$500 Wawa gift card, and a \$250 Burlington store gift card.

The Fall Fair also includes Santa's gift

shop, where children can buy affordable gifts for mom and dad; a running train display by the Cherry Valley Model Railroad; and great food, including delicious Spanish food from the kitchen, as well as bake goods and deli table; and more.

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Should residents have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk's Office at (856) 665-1000 x122 or x124.

Polling Location	Street Address	District #s
Temple Lutheran Church	5600 N. Rt. 130	1, 11, & 24
Pennsauken Free Public Library	5605 N. Crescent Blvd.	2, 7, 12, & 15
Faith Independent Bible Church	7651 Rogers Ave.	3 & 23
Martin Luther Christian School	4106 Terrace Ave.	4 & 16
Pennsauken Municipal Court	2400 Bethel Ave.	5
Pennsauken Senior Towers	8001 Maple Ave.	6
Homestead Youth Center	4771 Willow Ave.	8 & 10
Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church	1665 Derosse Ave.	9 & 14
Pennsauken United Methodist Church	3451 Pennsylvania Ave.	13, 17 & 18
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Township Holds Annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest

The hunt will be on for the best Halloween decorations in town. Sponsored by Pennsauken's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Pennsauken Youth Action Committee, the annual Halloween Home Decorating Contest will recognize those homes that go all out for the spookiest time of the year. A team of guys and ghouls will be creeping around

town to locate the most impressive expressions of Halloween spirit. Pennsauken has to offer. Prizes will be given to the first, second, and third place winners.

In order for decorated homes in Pennsauken to be considered for this year's contest, residents must submit their address using an online form on the Township's website. This link can be ac-

cessed at PennsaukenEvents.com. Registration runs through Monday, Oct. 17.

Help cause some friendly frights throughout our neighborhoods by decorating your home or visiting those who do! For more information, call Pennsauken's Parks and Recreation Department at (856) 665-1000 x151.

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Held October 2



The Pennsauken Lions Club will hold their annual Ned Davis Memorial Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Temple Lutheran Church Rt. 130 and Merchantville Ave., Pennsauken, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person.

Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, omelet bar, juice, and coffee. In addition, there will raffle baskets for attendees to win an assortment of items. All proceeds benefit the Lions eye screening program, school scholarships, residents in need, and much more.

Tickets are available at the door or from any Lions Club member. For more information, contact us at pennsauken-lionsclub1@gmail.com or (609) 468-8921.

The Pennsauken Lions Club continues

to support the needs of the community by addressing issues that benefit less fortunate individuals and families in Pennsauken and Merchantville. Our mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

The Pennsauken Lions is looking for dedicated community individuals who are retired, work part-time, or just have some spare time available to help support our school screening efforts or participate in our many community activities.

You are welcome to join us for any future meeting and become a member. If you would like more information about the Lions Club, help the less fortunate citizens of the Pennsauken community, donate to our vision screening program, or support our school scholarship efforts,

please consider an open invitation to join the Pennsauken Lions Club.

New member dues pay an entrance fee or must submit the proper waiver certification form if you are a transfer member, family member, or student. Dues are billed on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. Additional district, multiple district, and club dues may apply. For more information on the dues structure, please contact us.

Lions meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (except holidays) in the Community Room of the Pennsauken Free Public Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd. Location is subject to change. To confirm the exact location, send us an email to let us know that you will be attending.

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FOODADVENTURES

By Rachael Shugars, AAP Columnist

Whether you have been there or not, I can guarantee that most Pennsauken residents have, at one time or another, passed by the big brick building at 2 South Centre Street in Merchantville, adjacent to the gazebo and the walking path. Patrons of the place like myself have enjoyed the Blue Monkey Tavern for years. When the owners announced that they would be selling, it sent people like me, who have enjoyed the food, drinks, and vibe there for so long, into a bit of a shock, along with some curiosity about what would happen to this beloved hangout.

To our absolute pleasure, the Blue Monkey was purchased by people who

The Blue Monkey Tavern Reborn, Alive And Well With New Ownership

intend to keep that same, food, drink, and vibe going. I had to visit for myself and see if the place was still alive and well.

On a pleasant evening in early September, I went and had drinks and good food with a friend of mine. She is also a big fan of the Blue Monkey Tavern. Her favorite cocktail: The Sneaky Monkey. She'd been getting that drink since she first visited the place nearly ten years earlier. It was a relief when she took a sip and realized it was the same cocktail she knew and loved. Great start.

We also ordered a few appetizers. First up were the fried cheese curds. Though not the Wisconsin original, they were cheesy and delicious, served hot and

melty and paired perfectly with my IPA. We also got the coconut shrimp, which are super crisp and also a great size. It's a bit of a splurge, but definitely delicious with the sweet chili dipping sauce. I thought it was nice to find some classic favorites on there, like the French onion soup and the ahi tuna club (my fav). Their list of sandwiches and entrees is also filled with options for everyone.

The drinks and drafts are pretty consistent with what Blue Monkey patrons

are used to. There is a slight absence in the bourbon selection, but they make up for that with an offering of some really cool Irish and Japanese whiskies. Their beer selection remains pretty strong as well. The banquet hall upstairs, The Collins House, is currently still listed as closed due to COVID on their website, but inquiries for the restaurant or the hall can be made by calling (856) 661-8008 or by emailing Info@bluemonkeytavern.com.

I'm excited to see where the new own-

ers go from here. It's to be expected that there will be some new food and drink changes down the line, but the kitchen and bar seem ready to deliver something pretty special. I suggest to all my food adventurers giving the new Blue Monkey Tavern a try and see for yourself. As always, enjoy your Food Adventures.

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FRIENDS of the LIBRARY

By Arlene Miller, Friends of the
Pennsauken Free Public Library

We'll be going all spooky at our Halloween-themed Munch and a Movie get together in the library's Community Room. On Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 1:00 p.m., we'll be digging up a fun, not-too-scary movie to get us into the trick or treat mood! So bring a lunch – and a friend – and we'll treat you to snacks and beverages. You can find out the name of the movie by calling the Library at (856) 665-5959, ext. 3 after Oct. 5; we're just not allowed to announce the title beforehand.

After a two-year delay, it's almost here: the return of our book and media sale! Remember that the last day we can accept donations for this much-anti-

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pated event will be Oct. 8; then comes the daunting task of sorting and arranging all the books and media donations, so you can browse and buy to your heart's content!

Please, please, please do not leave any donations outside the Library or directly in the Community Room. Instead, bring them to the Circulation Desk, where you'll be given a receipt you can fill out for tax purposes. Books must be in good condition; textbooks and computer related materials shouldn't be more than two years old; and DVDs and CDs must be in their original sleeves or boxes and sets should be complete. Any other electronic media will not be accepted, nor will any travel brochures, magazines,

product pamphlets, etc.

If you'd like to volunteer to help us set up, during the sale, or packing up leftovers, we'd love to have you. Please call the Library at (856) 665-5959, ext. 7 and leave a message so we can get back to you. We promise no heavy lifting!

The sale runs Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22, during regular library hours; and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. On Thursday, Oct. 20, there's a private preview sale for Friends of the Library members only from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you're not already a member, you can actually join at the door that night and give yourself the opportunity to be one of the first to check out all that great merchandise!

Our fall wellness program continues with Chair Yoga on Friday, Oct. 7, at 10:30 a.m. This is a hybrid class available in both virtual and in-person in the Community Room. The link for those of you who prefer a virtual session is <https://tinyurl.com/folyoga22>. If you're coming in person, contact the Library at extension 3 to register. Mindful Eating Meditation takes place Oct. 14 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Both sessions are virtual only using the same link as for Chair Yoga.

More Chair Yoga classes are scheduled for Nov. 4, 11, and 18, at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 4 and 18 are both hybrid classes. The Nov. 11 class is virtual only since the Library will be closed then for Veterans' Day.

Our annual fall raffle tickets are now

on sale at the Library's Circulation Desk at the cost of \$2 each or three for \$5. The prizes: five beautiful gift baskets worth a minimum of \$250 each, filled with merchandise and gift cards from local businesses. All the baskets are now on display at the Library. The drawing takes place Nov. 16, and five lucky winners will each get to take one home!

Finally, don't forget to get your 50-50 raffle tickets from the Friends at various youth sporting events this coming season. You can't miss us at the Friends table near the snack stand.

As always, thank you for your support. Remember, everything we do helps us help the Pennsauken Free Public Library!

Woman's Club Holds Several Events This October

The Woman's Club of Merchantville will hold several activities during the month of October.

On Monday, Oct. 3, at 10:30 a.m., the Woman's Club will have a discussion about their latest read, "Verity," at Iron Rock Park on Maryland Ave. The book is a sensational, psychological thriller

written by New York Times best selling author Colleen Hoover. This is an outdoor meeting, so please bring your own chair.

The Woman's Club regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center, 212 Somerset Ave. Claudia

Cream will be talking about her experiences on her trip to Africa, including being crowned a queen!

A luncheon and card party are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 26, noon, at the Merchantville Community Center.

Also, the Woman's Club annual Breakfast Auction will be on Wednesday,

Nov. 2, 8:00 a.m., at the Westmont Diner, 572, W. Cuthbert Blvd. Westmont, N.J.

If you are interested in attending any of these events, or just want to know a little bit about The Woman's Club of Merchantville, please call Geri Tabako at (856) 665-5468.

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GRAYMATTERS A Newly Repaired Heart Filled With Thankfulness

By Judith Kristen,
AAP Columnist

Much like last month, this is another article of kindness and thankfulness, but on a much more personal level.

On Aug. 10, I was driven to Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia for a heart procedure called a cardiac ablation. The friendly, good-natured, and kind soul who drove me there was friend and boss at AAP, Frank Sinatra.

The Sinatra family also took on guardian duties for my own beloved hound dog, Sophie, for 10 days following my time at Jefferson. Many thanks as well to the lovely DiCarlo family, Sherry and Tony, for walking my Brahma bull-strength pooch to the park for me for the next two weeks after I got home. And thank you to my Bow Wow Dog Park friends: Steve, John, Joanne, Cookie, Arlynn, Tim... and so many others for your love and concern.

An ablation is a procedure that creates tiny scars in your heart to block irregular electrical signals to correct heart rhythm issues.

Along with a brilliant surgeon came a host of amazing friends who stood by me all the way. I have said for decades now that I have the most wonderful friends. I am one lucky woman in so many ways.

My friend, Eve Edwards, dropped by every day to take care of my cat, Lucky.

Eve ran the sweeper, took out the trash, and we shared the usual stories and had quite a few good laughs. Jean Rowand, my friend and landlady, watered my plants, brought me food, and would call to check in on me daily as well. Lisa, my neighbor on Githens Ave., brought me over yummys to eat, called and left text messages. She was also the first one to take me out

for ice cream after I got back home.

There are so many people to thank, so much gratitude in my nicely operating heart, for so many. There were more than once daily phone calls and texts from my darling sister/friend, Shelly Fredman out in California, communication from my friend, Adam over in Germany checking in on me, who also spent two weeks here

in September for a visit. His timing, as always, is perfect. Cards and letters, calls and text messages from my friends Ginger Sheffey, Maryann Carney, Kristin Weaver, Marge Carlisle, Joan Benton, Julie Simpson, and Billy DiNunzio. Also, the lovely Ms. Bobbie Bechtel, Corey Rose, Adrian, and Lucie, who came to visit from California. Plus, my friend Harris Eckstut, the fabulous Fallon family, my Goddaughter, Mallory Eckstut, and my friend of almost 60 years, Pat Mehaffey; my wonderful friend and lawyer, Raymond Burke, and his sisters, Carole and Donna; my "sweet"

friends at Aunt Charlotte's; and last but not least, my daughter, Karyn, my darling Krissy and her three lovely girls, my great grandbabies: Lily, Adele, and Margaux. Please forgive me if I forgot anyone.

My heart thanks each and every one of you. You all light me up from the inside out! You really do. And I have a feeling it's always going to be that way. How lucky am I!

"There are friends, there is family, and then there are friends who become family."

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Scrub Daddy Speaks At PMAC Networking Luncheon

Scrub Daddy's Will Augenbraun, chief strategy officer, and Jennifer Picariello, chief sales and marketing officer, were the guests at last month's PMAC Networking Luncheon.

Makers of "America's Favorite Sponge" and one of the most successful companies on the popular TV show "Shark Tank," Scrub Daddy relocated its global headquarters to Pennsauken. Prior to the move, the company operated out of three separate buildings.

"It was getting dysfunctional. Then the pandemic hit, and our business continued to explode," explained Augenbraun. "The core of our workers are in South Philadelphia. We wanted to find a central location in the Delaware Valley. I saw a flyer about 1700 Suckle Highway."

Scrub Daddy had a strong interest in purchasing the property. Their vision included adding gardens for employees to sit outside, having meetings, or take a lunch break. But as they looked into the property, it turned into a much bigger



Will Augenbraun and Jennifer Picariello from Scrub Daddy were guests at the PMAC networking luncheon last month.

project than anticipated. That's when Pennsauken's municipal government came in to help.

"Pennsauken was the most cooperative place we could have ever landed in a million years. They rolled out the red carpet. They gave us preliminary approval to put an extension on the back of the building that gave us the ability to add loading," said Augenbraun.

In February of 2021, Scrub Daddy purchased the 116,000-square foot property and invested over \$8 million in site renovations.

"[Pennsauken] is just a wonderful place to be partnered with a local township," said Augenbraun.

The next PMAC networking luncheon will be on Wednesday, Oct. 12, noon at the Pennsauken Country Club, 3800 Haddonfield Rd. The guest speaker will be Larry Cardwell from Pennsauken Township's Economic Development Department. The cost to attend is \$30 per person. PMAC members can R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, Oct. 10, by contacting Nancy Ellis at (856) 438-0833 or pmac1team@gmail.com.

Pennsauken Township Named One Of The Region's Top Workplaces

Pennsauken Township's municipal government has been awarded a Top Workplaces 2022 honor by The Philadelphia Inquirer. The list is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey, administered by research partner Energage, LLC, a leading provider of technology-based employee engagement tools. The anonymous survey measures several aspects of workplace culture, including alignment, execution, and connection, just to name a few.

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces has proven to be a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works best for their organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."

"This is exciting news for our municipality," said Pennsauken Mayor Jessica Rafeh. "Township Committee and our adminis-

tration have always said we have some of the best employees around. We are dedicated to creating a workplace that supports them and allows them to shine."

"We are proud to be selected in the same category as companies such as the Philadelphia Eagles, AutoLenders, and Meridian Bank," added Tim Killion, Pennsauken Township's administrator. "The fact that 182 employees responded with almost 500 comments speaks to engagement of our municipal staff. The feedback we've received from them lets us know where we're headed in the right direction, as well as what we need to do to improve as an organization."

"We strive to foster an environment of commitment, caring, and excellence, as we work diligently to serve the 35,000 residents in our community. This recognition shows the results of these ongoing efforts."

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Virtual Events

- Intro To Tarot – Wednesday, 10/5; 6:00 p.m. Ages 15+. Join us for a full class on the basics of Tarot and get a reading. A printable pdf deck will be emailed to all registrants. Registration required. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2xrpyyah>.
- Mindful Eating Meditation – Fridays, 10/14 & 10/21; 10:30 a.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library in-

vite you to join us for a mindful eating meditation with Michelle Carlino. The two sessions will be held virtually, via Zoom. Registration required. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/FOLME>.

In-Person Events

- Hispanic Heritage Movie Night – Monday, 10/3; 6:00 p.m. All ages. Kick back and join the Youth Services Department for “Vivo,” starring Lin-Manuel Miranda, appropriate for all ages.
- Access Navigator – Tuesdays, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, & 10/25; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For adults. The library’s Access

Navigator will be available to provide one-on-one help with computer skills, resume building, job searching, and more. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

- Preschool Storytime – Tuesdays, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, & 10/25; 10:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Join Miss Susan at this weekly program aimed at increasing your child’s attention span and teaching fine motor skills. Storytime combines reading with music, multilingual skills, finger-plays and rhymes to help parents and little ones foster a life-long love of books and reading! On Oct. 25, we’ll be having a Halloween party! Children are welcome to dress in costume.
- Chair Yoga – Friday, 10/7; 10:30 a.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library invite you to join us for Yoga. These hybrid classes will be held both

in-person at the library and virtually via Zoom. Registration required. Please call the library to reserve an in-person spot. Register online for the Zoom class: <https://tinyurl.com/folyoga22>.

- Glow In The Dark Pumpkins – Saturday, 10/8; 11:00 a.m. All ages. Paint and create a glowing pumpkin that will get lots of oohs and ahhs from your neighbors. A fun activity for the whole family! Registration is not required, but space is limited.
- FOL Movies & Munch – Tuesday, 10/18; 1:00 p.m. For adults. The Friends of the Pennsauken Library’s monthly afternoon film series is back this fall! Join us in the Community Room for a screening of September’s movie. Registration required. Please call the library to reserve your seat.
- Friends of the Library Book & Media Sale – 10/20 – 10/23; See page 26 for times. All ages. There’s something for

everyone at the Book & Media Sale! Shop for gently used books, CDs, and DVDs and support the Friends of the Library!

- Make and Take Craft – Monday, 10/24; 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. For all ages. Join Youth Services for a “crafternoon” of fun! We’ll be creating a fun project to take home.
- Book Club – Wednesday, 10/26; 6:30 p.m. For adults. Join us for the second meeting of our new book club! All are welcome! We will meet in the library’s community room to discuss “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. Email events@pennsaukenlibrary.org if you would like to order a copy of the book through Interlibrary Loan.
- Boo Bash – Saturday, 10/29; noon. All ages. Join Youth Services for a family-friendly afternoon of Halloween fun. Be sure to wear your costume!

Step Up For STREAM Campaign Raises Funds For Library

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30, 2025. The fundraising campaign begins this month with the Friends’ fall raffle; tickets are currently on sale at the Library’s circulation desk and will also be available at the Pennsauken Fall Festival, held Oct. 15 at the Pennsauken Community Recreation Complex on Westfield Ave. from noon to 4:00 p.m. In addition, the Friends will be hosting a variety of special fundraising events, as well as soliciting direct donations to the campaign.

“This month, we’ll have a dedicated

page on the Library’s website, Pennsauken Library.org, which will have links to various fundraising events, as well as periodic updates of how we are doing reaching our goals,” said Ellyn McMullin, program coordinator for the Friends of the Pennsauken Free Public Library. “It will also soon have a button to donate directly.”

For questions about Step Up For STREAM or more information, email STREAM@pennsaukenlibrary.org, or call (856) 665-5959 ext. 7.

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The Pennsauken High School Football Indians have had a strong start to the season, going undefeated in their first four contests.

In their first home game of the season, Pennsauken came from behind to beat Cherry Hill West 47-30. The Indians then went on to several decisive wins, 34-6

over Eastside, 31-13 over Burlington Township, and a 64-0 rout against Trenton Central.

Head Coach Clinton Tabb has the team running on all cylinders, leading the Liberty Division of the West Jersey Football League. At press time, Pennsauken was preparing for non-league matchups

against Delran High School on Sept. 30, and Willingboro on Oct. 7. The Indians go away to face the Fightin' Irish of Camden Catholic on Oct. 14, then play against Vineland on Oct. 22.

The Pennsauken High School Football Indians are leading the Liberty Division with a 4-0 record.



84th Annual Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta To Be Held On Cooper River

In May 2023, the 84th Annual Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta will be held on the Cooper River, moving from its typical venue at the Schuylkill River National

Racecourse. Cooper River Park in Pennsauken is home to many prestigious rowing events and boasts a world-class, Olympic-distance, 2000-meter narrow

and sheltered straightaway.

"The Board of Directors of the Dad Vail Regatta Organizing Committee, which stages the annual Jefferson Dad Vail Regatta, has voted unanimously to move the Regatta from the traditional site of the Schuylkill River National Racecourse to the Cooper River for the

2023 event to ensure successful production of the Regatta," said Jim Hanna, president of the Dad Vail Regatta Organizing Committee.

The regatta is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, 2023.

"Hosting the Jefferson Dad Vail Re-

gatta is a great honor for us and our internationally recognized racecourse at Cooper River Park," said Commissioner Jeff Nash, liaison to the Camden County Parks Department. "We are looking forward to hosting the thousands of world class athletes and the more than 30,000 fans who annually participate in the biggest collegiate regatta in the nation. We can't wait to roll out the red carpet for the rowers, staff and fans in 2023."

Cooper River Park encompasses 346 acres and through Pennsauken, Cherry Hill, Collingswood and Haddon Township. In addition to the boathouse, the park's amenities include: a children's playground with pavilions, a softball field, a cross country course, the Camden County Golf Academy, the Cooper River Yacht Club, two bike trails, Jack Curtis Stadium, a track, picnic areas, a bocce court and more.

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